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SUBJECT: (C) DEPUTY SECRETARY'S ORAL MESSAGE DELIVERED

REF: A. STATE 342120

[1](#)B. STATE 342117

Classified By: CDA JOHN MORAN; REASON 1.4 (B,D)

[1](#)1. (C) Charge, accompanied by Acting DCM, delivered the Deputy Secretary's oral message (ref A) to MFA Undersecretary Khaled al-Jarallah December 16. He took the opportunity to deliver ref B demarche asking the GOK to use its influence on Iraqis -- especially tribal leaders -- to urge them to participate in the political process that is underway in Iraq.

[1](#)2. (C) The Undersecretary responded that the GOK as host of the upcoming GCC Summit would draw extensively on the Deputy Secretary's points in drafting the communique and

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resolutions. He said Kuwait was "totally optimistic" about the Summit, which would take place at a time when there is a "very positive spirit in the region," made even more so by the capture of Saddam Hussein (about which he said "Congratulations to you and to ourselves"). With regard to terrorism, he expected the GCC leaders to give their blessing to a draft GCC agreement against terrorism and instruct their Ministers of Interior to sign it "soon." This agreement, he asserted, would facilitate practical steps against terrorism.

[1](#)3. (U) Baghdad minimize considered.
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